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To: U. S. Food & Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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Subject: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Prohibit the Slaughter of DOWNED ANIMALS

Please grant Petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of
DOWNED ANIMALS!!!!

Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should NOT be allowed
to enter the human food chain.

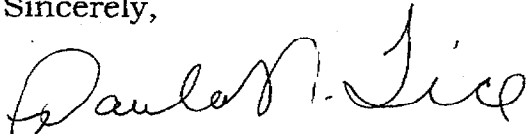
Increases risk for bacterial contamination.

It is impossible to move DOWNED ANIMALS humanely.

DOWNED ANIMALS comprise a very small percentage of animals and
prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

Industry experts estimated 90% of DOWNED ANIMALS can be prevented
with better care and handling. Removing the market for DOWNED
ANIMALS will provide an incentive to industry to prevent DOWNED
ANIMALS in the first place.

Sincerely,



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